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Compulsory Specification for

Retro-reflective number plates for motor vehicles

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No. R. 445**3 April 1998****STANDARDS ACT, 1993****COMPULSORY SPECIFICATION FOR RETRO-REFLECTIVE NUMBER PLATES FOR MOTOR VEHICLES**

I, Alec Erwin, Minister of Trade and Industry, hereby under section 22 (1) (a) (ii) of the Standards Act, 1993 (Act No. 29 of 1993), and on the recommendation of the Council of the South African Bureau of Standards, declare the specification contained in the Schedule to be a compulsory specification for retro-reflective number plates for motor vehicles with effect from the date two months after publication of this notice.

A. ERWIN

SCHEDULE

COMPULSORY SPECIFICATION FOR RETRO-REFLECTIVE NUMBER PLATES FOR MOTOR VEHICLES

1 Scope

This specification covers the requirements for new retro-reflective number plates for motor vehicles.

2 Definitions

For the purposes of this specification, the following definition applies:

number plate: Anything that can be fitted to a motor vehicle and that inter alia bears a combination of alphabetical and numerical characters issued or purporting to be issued in terms of provisions governing the registration and licensing of motor vehicles.

3 Requirements

3.1 Metal number plates

Metal number plates shall comply with the requirements given in the following subclauses of SABS 1116-2:1996, *Retro-reflective registration plates for motor vehicles – Part 2: Registration plates (metal)*:

- 4.1 Registration mark
 - 4.1.1 General
 - 4.1.2 Embossing
 - 4.1.3 Form and dimensions of characters of registration marks
 - 4.1.4 Setting out of characters of registration marks
 - 4.1.5 Coated registration mark and border
 - 4.1.6 Workmanship
 - 4.1.7 Graphics
 - 4.1.8 Combination of variables
- 4.2 Performance
 - 4.2.1 Resistance to impact
 - 4.2.2 Resistance to scratching
 - 4.2.3 Resistance to abrasion
 - 4.2.4 Resistance to weathering
 - 4.2.5 Resistance to salt fog

3.2 Plastics number plates

Plastics number plates shall comply with the requirements given in the following subclauses of SABS 1116-4:1996, *Retro-reflective registration plates for motor vehicles – Part 4: Registration plates (plastics)*:

- 4.1 Materials
- 4.1.1 Blanks
- 4.1.2 Retro-reflective material
- 4.1.3 Registration mark and border
- 4.1.4 Protective cover
- 4.2 Registration mark
- 4.3 Graphics
- 4.4 Border
- 4.5 Application
- 4.6 Workmanship
- 4.7 Performance
 - 4.7.1 Resistance to weathering
 - 4.7.2 Resistance to salt fog
 - 4.7.3 Resistance to scratching, impact and abrasion
 - 4.7.4 Resistance to bending
 - 4.7.5 Strength of adhesion
- 4.8 Combination of variables

4 Marking

4.1 Metal number plates shall be marked as specified in 6.2 of SABS 1116-2:1996, *Retro-reflective registration plates for motor vehicles – Part 2: Registration plates (metal)*.

4.2 Plastics number plates shall be marked as specified in 6.2 of SABS 1116-4:1996, *Retro-reflective registration plates for motor vehicles – Part 4: Registration plates (plastics)*.